

# We are excited to announce the launch of a new online Master of Social Work Program!

This program is designed to provide students with a flexible and accessible way to pursue an MSW degree.

**1. When will the online program option be available?**

- The fully online option will start in Fall of 2024.

**2. Will SRU continue to offer the in-person/hybrid option?**

- Yes – we will continue to offer our traditional in-person/hybrid option. Students will be able to take courses that offer face-to-face classes.
- Students who choose the in-person option complete at least 51% of their courses in an in-person format. This includes courses that have at least one required in-person component (a weekend residency, in-person meeting one day each week, etc.)

**3. What is a “fully online” program option?**

- Students choose the online program option complete at least 51% of their courses in an online format.
- Students in the SRU MSW program will be able to complete the degree fully online. All required courses will be offered in an online format.
- A limited number of courses will require synchronous online class sessions. Students will be provided options of day/time for participation in these sessions.

**4. Can students who do not have advanced standing (a BSW degree) choose the online option?**

- Yes. Students can earn the MSW online in one year for those with advanced standing or in two years for those who don't have an undergraduate social work degree.

**5. Is the curriculum the same for in-person and online students?**

- Yes. The curriculum requirements are identical for in-person and online students.

**6. Can online students complete the field experience requirements in a virtual format?**

- No. Field placement requirements are identical for in-person and online students.
- Online students can choose a field placement site that fits the requirements of our MSW program, and is approved by the MSW Field Director.

**7. Can MSW students who choose the online option earn the available graduate certificates?**

- Online students will earn the Cognitive Behavioral Certificate, which is embedded in the required curriculum.
- The Animal Assisted Social Work Certificate can be earned by online students, but these classes do have some minimal in-person experiential requirements.

**8. Are admission requirements different for the online program?**

- No. Admission requirements are the same for the in-person and online options.

**9. How can I get more information?**

- We will be holding a virtual information session on March 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. You can register here: <https://www.sru.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-events>

**10. When can potential students apply for the online program?**

- Apply today! Applications are being reviewed now.
- You can find application information here: <https://www.sru.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/apply-now>

The SRU website and documents will be updated soon. In the meantime, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

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